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In re the Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3739
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Robert F. Rioux et al.)	Confirmation No.: 3903
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Serial No.: 10/772,040)	Examiner: Peffley, Michael F.
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Filed: February 4, 2004)	
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For: Ablation Probe for Delivering Fluid)	
Through Porous Structure)	

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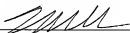
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